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Dear CT PHC Testimony,

Dear Senator Gerratana, Representative Johnson, and esteemed members of the Public Health Committee:

I write to ask you to strongly support and vote in the affirmative to add bill language for the modernization of the CT Naturopathic physician scope of practice to HB 5537. The language needs to be attached to this bill so it can come before the Public Health Committee for consideration. This Naturopathic scope of practice law is 90 years old and has not kept pace with the significant advances in education and training of Naturopathic doctors in the ensuing decades.

I, as well as my son, have been Naturopathic patients for the past two years. Our ND was able to cure a chronic condition in my son which had baffled pediatricians for years.

I have had ongoing health issues which our ND diagnosed, but was not able to prescribe medications I needed. I had to visit a MD and have bloodwork duplicated to come to the same conclusion since my ND was not able to prescribe commonly used medications.

Please support HB 5537 to ensure better healthcare access for the people of CT.

Thank you for your support and consideration.

Sincerely, Carol Blood